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SO CAL METS Calendar

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ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH IF POSSIBLE

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
January		<i>RAINED OUT</i>	
February Sun 10th	East OC Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin Lunch at the Cantina <i>RAINED OUT</i>	9:00 AM
Sat & Sun Mar 16 & 17	Classic Auto Show	OC Fair & Event Center 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa	10:00 AM
April 5-6	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Sacramento, CA	
May Sat 10th	Blind Children 5k walk/run	Santa Ana	TBA
June 20-23	International Meet	Holiday Inn Express, 610 Genoa Way Castle Rock, Colorado 303-688-0888	
July 21 st Sun	Annual Picnic	??	

Revised: Feb 10, 2019



Amongst our plethora of Metropolitan memorabilia we found this old pop up card just in time for February 14th.

Happy New Year and Happy Valentines Day 2019

You can see by our calendar that our planned adventures for both January & February were rained out.

Next month we will participate as a club at the Classic Auto Show in Costa Mesa. More details from Marcia Jones later via email.

The April Unique Little Car Show in Sacramento should be fun. A ride on water in an Amphicar will be worth the cost of attending the meet.

Note that our annual picnic is scheduled for July this year and if you wish for a different location, please find one for us.



Photo below captured by MOCNA member Paul Brouillitte of Lafayette, Louisiana and shared on the MOCNA Facebook Group Page.





We won't say what the occasion was but our new Membership Chairperson, Kim Dominguez (lower left) made these cool Metro cookies.

Such an appropriate shape for your editor's cookie jar (below)!



Metro Petrol



Haven't we all JUST made it to a gas station on fumes.... feeling so relieved to pick up that nozzle and start pumping? Worse yet, if we've run out of gas away from a gas station, the need for that chemical is paramount. It probably explains why car museum's & car lovers today collect gas station memorabilia. Now I own but one classic car (the Met) which I park in our two car garage alongside the brand X car. My wife will snap that her car always parks outside on the driveway! Nevertheless, a Met is so short that you will have space to store something behind it! That "space" is what I had in mind when in the fall of 2017, my son-in-law told me that he had spotted an abandoned gas pump on property they were purchasing in Sonoma County. I had heard that a nicely restored pump could go for a couple of thousand dollars!



So on our next visit with them in January 2018, I was able to check it out. It was a rainy day but my grandson & I uncovered it from the heap of junk. It was not the kind that had the traditional round globe on top but instead a flush art deco curved glass peak. Unfortunately the glass was missing, as was the steel panel for one side. With our limited tools we were only able to remove the other side panel.

Then on the next visit in April we used the excavator to lift the pump off of the junk pile and transport it to the barn. There I was able to power wash most plus remove the heavy motor & pump to make it lighter to bring it home. Once home in that special "space" in the garage I began restoring my cost free relic. A search of the Internet disclosed that there are several sources for replacement gas pump parts. Incidentally there are places that will sell you already restored gas station stuff as well. So it turns out that my pump is model A38, made by National out of Dayton, Ohio in the 1930's & 1940's. We suspect it was the same National as National Cash Register (NCR) same city.

In searching for parts I was amazed to find a great source in Omaha, Nebraska, of all places. Known as "Gas Pump Heaven", they had most of what I needed for a "mere" \$795.70. But I still needed a top & they referred me to Don at Vic's 66 in Sedro Woolley, Washington. Don had a replica top in fiberglass plus a door cam lock. \$90.75. He did not have the two strange curved hinges I needed but suggested I call Tom Buckles in Carthage, Indiana. He said Tom had made a sweep through Oklahoma years ago and might have what I need. I called Tom who knew what I was talking about and replied: "Got em. \$35.00 bucks apiece".

In order to replace the two missing curved glass panes I had bought one piece that reads "Polly Gas" for the back side and for the front side a clear one with no imprint. With the clear glass I decided I might as well have some fun with brand identity. So I designed a graphic to show our familiar Met grill badge "M" surrounded by the gold rings. Then I added a little tongue in cheek humor showing the words "Metro / Petrol". Laura Romero, owner of Apples & Oranges Signage in Fountain Valley rose to the challenge. Using her Adobe Illustrator software she created the graphic, then printed it on a special film to apply to the inside curve side of the glass. Cost \$315.38

I elected to not paint the sheet metal. I am happy with the original porcelain finish complete with its patina of rust spots & over paint layers. That gives the art deco antique some character. And lastly, when it's not being used as a photo prop, it parks in its "space" right behind my Met plus it gives me a new storage cabinet with a storage space of 3'Hx1'Wx1'L.

Those of you who attended our SoCalMets Christmas party probably had your picture taken by it. Thanks to my son-in-law, Preston Addison, for the find.

Ken Conner



From a November 1996 Newsletter of the now defunct Metropolitan Club of California.

METROPOLITAN TRIVIA

STANDARD EQUIPMENT (No extra cost): Upholstery Trim Combination T-600, Off-White Vinyl Bolster with Gray-Black Square Seat Cloth (houndstooth), standard on all models. Two-tone paint, Foam rubber front seat cushion, Map light, Cigarette lighter, Electric windshield wipers, Dual-sun visors, Ash tray, directional signals, Oil bath air cleaner, Continental tire carrier and cover, jack and tire wrench and Dual horns.

EXTRA COST EQUIPMENT: Weather Eye Heating and Ventilating System, Radio and Manual Antenna, Whitewall tubeless tires.

DEALER INSTALLED ACCESSORIES: Petty Design Hood Ornament (Flying Lady), Windshield Washers, Partial Flow Oil Filter, Outside Rear View Mirror, Fuel Filter, Back-up Lights, Trunk light, Curb Indicators, Visor Vanity Mirror, and assorted items for appearance, maintenance and Cooling System.

NOTE: The description of the "Weather Eye Heating and Ventilation System" was as follows:

The Weather Eye System, recognized as the world's finest heating and ventilating systems, is available on the Metropolitan at extra cost.

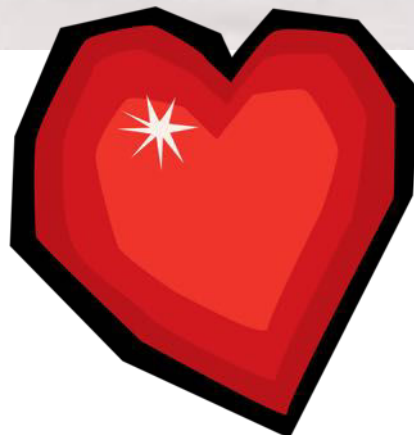
When the car is in motion, air is forced through the wide cowl intake and down through the opening in the body. From here, the air enters the Weather Eye and passes through the heating core supplied with hot water from the engine. When extra heat or defrosters are needed, a large fan, located directly behind the heating core, may be turned on. The fan supplies warm air to both the passenger compartment and defrosters. The flow of water thru the heating core is controlled by an automatic thermostat which can be regulated by the occupants when an increase or decrease in heat is desired.

Note: The description of the Radio was as follows:

A powerful 5-tube superhetrodyne radio is available at extra cost. The large tuning knob is indirectly lighted & both controls conveniently located in the center of the dashboard for operation by driver or passenger. Most of the component parts are readily interchangeable with those in 12 volt American manufacture.

Hope you appreciate just how good the Radio & the Weather Eye really are!!!!!!

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FOR SALE

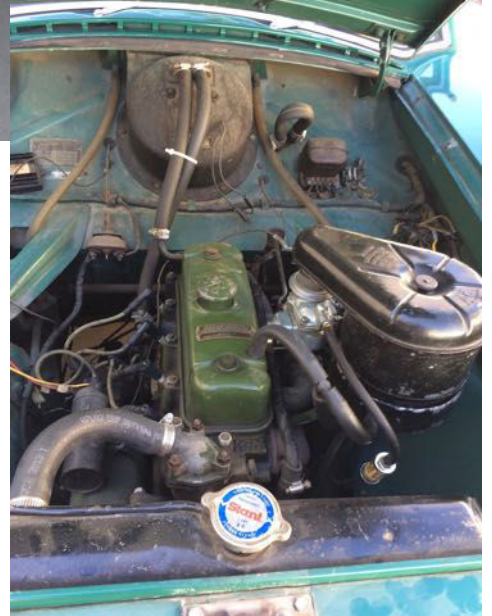
1954 Metropolitan Convertible.

New Top. Asking \$12,00.00.

Located in Pasadena.

Contact: Cynthia Corona

Email: rccorona11@aol.com



39th Annual

Southwest Unique Little Car Show

Proceeds to benefit: California Automobile Museum



Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail _____

Club: _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Restored/Unrestored: _____ Engine CC: _____

Pre registration \$20.00 FIRST CAR \$20.00

Second car add \$5.00 (3 or more no charge) _____

Friday Dinner: \$20.00 PP _____ X \$20.00 = _____

Saturday Dinner \$50.00 PP _____ X \$50.00 = _____

Choose: Beef _____, Chicken _____, Salmon _____

Show Tee Shirt \$15.00 each _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Indicate Size: _____ SM, _____ Med, _____ LG, _____ XL, _____ XXL

Total: _____

Please make checks payable to: Todd Darling

Mail Check to: Red and Black Garage

951 Sagamore Way

Sacramento, Ca 95822

Pay Pal use: Tdarling@aol.com

Name tag information: _____

Print First and Last Name

Print First and Last Name

Print First and Last Name

Dates: are April 5th and 6th, 2019.

Place: Sacramento, California.

Host Hotel: Vagabond Inn, 909 Third Street, Sacramento, Ca. we have a block of rooms so if you are planning on staying here call the hotel direct at 916-446-1481 and reference the S.W. Unique Little Car Show to get the room rate of \$135.00 which does include breakfast. The hotel is one block from where the show will be held. Old Sacramento Rail Road Museum. Cutoff date for this rate is 3-5-2019.

Activities: Friday morning we will be playing with the Amphicars on the Sacramento River

Friday evening a short drive tour ending at the California Automobile Museum which will have a display of Microcars which starts mid March. We will be having dinner there at the museum.

Saturday Morning: We will start placing the cars in front of the Rail Road Museum about 8 am for the show which will run to about 3 pm.

Saturday Evening: We will be having dinner at the "Rio City Café" in Old Sacramento which is located on the water next to the Delta King Riverboat.

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